

**Society for Range Management, Nevada Section
Business Meeting
Fallon, Nevada
January 22, 2005**

Attendees:

John McLain	Erick Walker	Chuck Saulisberry
Jim Linebaugh	Kent McAdoo	Sherm Swanson
Don Lancaster	Jay Davison	Cub Wolfe
Tracey Jean Wolfe	Bob Wilson	Rick Orr
Les McKenzie	Floyd Rathbun	Patti Novak-Echenique
Karen Prentice	Shayne Roche	Angela Mushrush
Brad Schultz	Barry Perryman	Don Henderson
Maggie Orr	Tracy Dianda	Ben Bruce
Gary McCuin	Diane Weaver	Jim Gifford

The meeting was called to order by president, Angela Mushrush at 8:03 am.

Gary McCuin moved that the summer meeting minutes be approved. Cub Wolfe seconded. Motion passed.

Gary McCuin moved to accept the agenda for today's meeting. Chuck Saulisberry seconded. Motion passed.

I. Reports from Officers

A. President – Angela Mushrush

Angela reported that she cannot go to the Annual Meeting in Fort Worth because NRCS will not fund her trip. Gene Fults will vote in her place. She will let Ann Harris know and wants to make sure there are three people there for voting - Barry, Gene, Floyd and Gary will coordinate.

Cub asked if the section would consider paying Angela's way to the Annual Meeting. We have \$400 budgeted now for travel. Can we come up with more money? There is an opportunity to stay with the students. John stated that this sets a bad precedent. John also suggested Barry write a letter to the NRCS State Conservationist expressing our concern for the lack of support for the Annual Meeting. Richard Vigil will be the new State Conservationist. Discussion followed regarding NRCS budget cuts and other NRCS employees attending. NRCS is not funding Cub to go either. Does Cub also need some travel money? Cub declined. Angela and Cub's registration fees should have already been paid.

Rick Orr moved that the section contribute \$600 for Angela to attend the Annual Meeting in Fort Worth. Floyd Rathbun seconded. Kent McAdoo amended to provide \$800 in case registration isn't paid. Rick Orr agreed to the amendment. Gary McCuin seconded. Motion passed.

The \$800 will come from what was already budgeted (\$400) and money from the students that was not needed (\$400).

B. Executive Vice President – Chuck Saulisberry

There has not been a membership report from Denver since October 2004. We now have about 158 members. Thirteen members do not have email. We are under utilizing the website. Ben is not sure of what all goes on the website and would like the emails to say "Put on Website" or something to that effect. Everyone may not look at the website. Chuck can put the website link in his emails.

C. Treasurer's Report and Budget – Brad Schultz

Brad handed out the treasurer's report, see it for details. He reported we had good income from the past winter and summer meetings. We need to make sure the Range Camp fee is \$100.00 this year. Brad went over the 2005 budget of estimated expenses. He hasn't had to keep track of the 2007 Annual Meeting dollars yet.

Fund Balances

General Fund:	\$7,225.35
Youth Fund:	\$5,717.62
Endowment Fund:	\$20,020.22
Scholarship Fund:	\$38,540.36

Total: \$71,503.55

The total for all accounts increased from \$65,295.87 in January 2004 to \$71,503.55 in January 2005.

Cub Wolfe moved to accept the treasurer's report. Bob Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

D. Zone Councilmen - No reports.

E. Newsletter Editor - Maggie Orr

Maggie asked for input regarding what she had done so far. She is using her home computer and can't open some attachments. She can open them at work though. How often do we want a newsletter? The group decided on quarterly newsletters. March will be the next newsletter.

F. Youth Activities

It was suggested that we ask Jim Potts to be the new Youth Activities Coordinator. Tracy Dianda volunteered to help the new coordinator. We need brochures for Range Camp. Last year's Trail Boss and Big Buckaroo received their awards.

II. Reports from Committees

A. Endowment- Rick Orr

No report.

B. Awards – Cub Wolfe

Barry asked if one person could nominate someone for the Chapline Research Award. Barry would like to nominate Paul Tueller. It does not need to be a surprise to Paul. Would the section support that nomination? Yes. Barry will write the nomination.

Jim L. suggested that more people need recognition and nominations. Need nominations on time. We should discuss them at the summer meeting to insure timeliness. Get your nominations to Cub.

Award recipients this year were:

Jim Linebaugh - Nevada Rangeland Management Sustained Achievement

Brad Schultz - Nevada Rangeland Professional of the Year

Ed Depaoli - Nevada Rangeland Manager of the Year

Gene Kolkman - Great Basin Award

Gerry Emm - Great Basin Award

C. Scholarships

Sherm handed out information about a proposed college scholarship for Nevada Youth Range Camp campers to attend a Nevada community college or university. He went over the purpose, criteria, selection committee, funding, and advertising for the scholarship. See the handout for details. The youth activities coordinator (Jim Potts if he accepts) will be in charge of the scholarship.

Sherm Swanson moved that the section support the Nevada Youth Range Camp College Scholarship. Kent McAdoo seconded. Motion passed.

Sherm Swanson moved that the section provide two \$500.00 Nevada Youth Range Camp College Scholarships. Rick Orr seconded. Motion passed.

D. Range Camp

Trail Boss Jessie Evans is going to Fort Worth for the Annual Meeting. Travel, lodging, etc. is all set. Barry suggested the Trail Boss attend the section winter meeting to give their presentation. It is good practice for them and it keeps us informed.

E. Section History - Les McKenzie

Some categories need to be added to the section history, such as award recipients. The group supported adding a history button to the web site. The job descriptions for the section officers should also be added to the web site.

F. CEU Committee

Barry will send the CEU list of people for this winter meeting to Leonard Jolley. The list of certified people should be on the web site and could also go in the section history. Jay mentioned that the CPRM committee is working on guidelines for what should be approved for CEU's.

G. SRM UNR Student Chapter - Shayne Roche

Shayne stated that the student chapter really appreciates the support of the section. They are still looking for projects to make money for the chapter and gain experience (broadcast seeding, fencing, etc.). The chapter is also compiling a list of capabilities the members have (certified pesticide applicator, tree faller, etc.). Many of the students are going to the Annual Meeting in Fort Worth. About 15 of the 40-45 members regularly attend their meetings.

Barry stated that UNR is sending a plant identification team to the Annual Meeting this year. It is the first time since about 1967. Hopefully students will help man the publicity booth in Fort Worth. The student chapter will have a booth in Fort Worth.

III. Old Business

A. Awards

Cub handed out a paper with the new award names and descriptions. We need an awards link on the website.

IV New Business

A. Election Results

Floyd announced the election results as follows, President Elect – Bob Wilson; Zone 4 Councilwoman – Diane Weaver; Zone 6 Councilman – Jon Hutchings.

Duane was moved from Zone 6 to Zone 2 (correction).

New councilmen need to be elected next year for Zones 1, 3, 5, and 7.

B. Resolutions

Resolution 1 is about the development of a statewide Sagebrush Ecosystem Conservation Plan. Resolution 2 is about the development of a statewide comprehensive and long term Natural Resources Master Plan. Floyd handed out the two resolutions with his suggested changes. The group reviewed the changes.

Don Henderson moved that we adopt Resolution 1 as amended by Floyd. Bob Wilson seconded. Discussion ensued. Kent and others suggested some changes. Motion withdrawn.

Don Henderson moved that we adopt Resolution 1 as amended. Jim Linebaugh seconded. Motion passed.

Further discussion about the wording ensued. Floyd will finish the changes. We have a resolution, now what? The original intent was for the state of Nevada and for it to be sent to the Governor and the others listed on the resolution. It should be taken to the Annual Meeting for committees to review, etc. We will get on the appropriate agendas if possible. This will affect more sections in other states.

The group discussed changes and clarifications to Resolution 2. Please add Pam Wilcox to the "Directed to" list.

Sherm Swanson moved that we adopt Resolution 2 as amended. Bob Wilson seconded. Discussion ensued. Sherm read the entire resolution as amended to the group. Kent, Sherm and John made motions to amend the motion and make wording changes to the resolution. Barry motioned that we table this item until the summer meeting. Not seconded. Sherm read the entire resolution to the group with the three new amendments. Motion passed with two objections.

C. Position Statement

Barry handed out the position statement on Wild Horse Management Method. He would like to send this to the agency heads to remind them that SRM has this position.

Don Henderson moved that we bring this position statement to the Advisory Council at the Annual Meeting in February. Jim Linebaugh seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

D. Summer Meeting

The summer meeting is at the Cottonwood Ranch north of Elko on July 22 and 23. Kent, Jay and Bob will coordinate with Agee Smith.

E. Winter Meeting

It is not fair to the southern Nevada members to not have a meeting in Las Vegas just because it is too far and too expensive. The biggest reason for not going to Las Vegas this time was due to the tour problems. We did have a meeting in southern Nevada recently. Pahrump was suggested as the location for the 2006 Winter Meeting. The group agreed. No dates were set.

John McLain moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Orr seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Gifford